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Eye on World Cup

By Thom Williams

Most American sport fans are currently focused on the NBA or NHL Finals while much of the rest of the sports world is watching the month-long 2006 World Cup soccer tournament that opened Friday in Germany.

The volleyball players from Germany, the Netherlands and South Korea who are here at Fort Huachuca taking part in the 27th *Conseil International du Sport Militaire* or World Military Volleyball Championships are also keeping a keen eye on the soccer tournament because their national teams have qualified to play.

The German volleyball team arrived for the CISM competition on June 8 and the next

27th CISM Volleyball opens with taste of West

By Tanja Linton

The 27th *Conseil International du Sport Militaire* Volleyball Championships opened with a bang Saturday in the blazing sun of the Army's historic Old West outpost in Southern Arizona.

Fort Huachuca's Select Honor Guard salute battery fired a canon salute that echoed over Bujalski Field. The CISM and U.S. flags were hoisted under the watchful eyes of B Troop, 4th U.S. Cavalry (Memorial), a mounted unit in 1880s uniforms that represents Fort Huachuca's

rich heritage.

Maj. Gen. Barbara Fast, commanding general of the U.S. Army Intelligence Center and Fort Huachuca, had just flown in from Afghanistan the night before and was on hand to welcome the delegations to Fort Huachuca.

Maj. Deborah McNamara, U.S. women's team member and optometrist at Raymond W. Bliss Army Health Center here, lead players from Canada, China, Cyprus, Germany, India, Korea, the Netherlands, Qatar and the United States in the athletes' oath. The



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Brig. Gen. Dwayne Lucas addresses crowd.

audience was then treated to a Navajo hoop dance by the Redhouse Duo.

"This is more than just sport. It is a tool to bring nations together," said Canadian Air Force Brig. Gen. Dwayne Lucas, CISM representative.

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A member of China's women's team gets acquainted with Old West history and B Troop.

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"I've been all over the world and Fort Huachuca hosts a first class event," he added.

Athletes and officials dispersed after the short ceremony and posed for photos with B Troop and each other, actively demonstrating CISM's motto, "Friendship through Sport."

A draw takes place later this afternoon to determine the match schedule. Competition begins at 8 a.m. today in Barnes Field House and continues all next week. The public is encouraged to attend and admission is free.

The Volleyball Championships are the only CISM competition hosted by the United



Joan Vasey

Redhouse Duo performs a Navajo hoop dance.

States this year.

Fort Huachuca is a center of excellence for Armed Forces sports and will host the 2007 All Army Boxing Championships in January.

June 11 Competition Schedule

0800		QATAR	A1-A2		GERMANY
1030		USA (W)	L1-L2		NETHERLANDS (W)
1300		CANADA (W)	L3-L4		CHINA(W)
1530		KOREA	B1-B2		INDIA
1800		USA	C1-C2		CHINA



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Alex Wiskirchen, (left) and Philipp Steinicelce, members of the German Men's Armed Forces Volleyball team are all smiles as they watch Germany play Costa Rica in the opening match of the World Cup Soccer tournament in Munich. Germany won 4-2.

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morning they packed their barracks dayroom to watch Germany beat Costa Rica 4-2, in the opening match of the World Cup from Munich.

"It's like when you have in America the Super Bowl," said Helmut Schmitz, Chief Master Sergeant of the German Air Force and captain of the German volleyball team who is stationed at Norvenich Air Base between Cologne and Aachen. "In all the towns they have large televisions set up where the people sit outside, watch the games and drink beer together."

Schmitz said his volleyball team will only miss two of Germany's World Cup matches and it's great that they are able to see the games live.

Arrangements have been made to have the Time Out Sports Bar, located across the street

from Barnes Field House, open during World Cup soccer matches to accommodate the athletes who want to see the games.

He said he thinks the Brazilians, Dutch and Italians all have a good shot at winning the World Cup and to keep an eye on the Germans.

"The team is not as big as it was in past years, but with the crowds on our side maybe we can do something," he said.

Turning to volleyball, Schmitz said the last men's volleyball champion, Bulgaria, is not returning to defend their crown. He said China and South Korea are probably his favorites to win the men's title this year with the United States and Germany also having a shot.

"We hope that we have a good time and have fun with everybody here," Schmitz said.